

MINUTES**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES****APRIL 25, 2003**

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on April 25, 2003 with Co-Chair Pat Patton presiding.

Present were:

Council

Pat Patton, Co-Chair
Mary Helen Adams
Christi Bailey
Karl Benson
Stan Campbell
Marie Gamble
William Hansen
Carolyn Ingram
Virginia Snell
Jackie White

KLA Representative

Sue Burch

KDLA

Jim Nelson
Richard Belding
Judith Gibbons
Lori Harlan
Kelly Reed
Christie Robinson

EAH Cabinet

Lou DeLuca

LRC Representative

Charles Shirley

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Pat Patton chaired today's meeting in the absence of Dr. Stu Tobin. Pat Patton welcomed everyone to the meeting and said she would try to lead everyone through the business meeting, but she couldn't tell jokes like Stu does.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 31, 2003 MEETING MINUTES

No changes were made to the January 31, 2003 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

EAH CABINET UPDATE

Deputy Secretary, Lou DeLuca, advised the Council that the EAH Cabinet is working with the national PEW Charitable Trust to strengthen cabinet services and develop a cultural policy in Kentucky. The Pew Charitable Trusts support nonprofit activities in the areas of culture, education, the environment, health and human services, public policy and religion. Based in Philadelphia, with an office in Washington, D.C., the Trusts make strategic investments that encourage and support citizen participation in addressing critical issues and effecting social change.

Deputy DeLuca reported this cultural policy will help bring awareness to all the Cabinet's cultural initiatives, but will not bring funding at this time. Judith Gibbons, Jim Nelson, Gerri Combs from the Arts Council, and David Morgan from the Heritage Council are working on this project. The Cabinet will be presenting the draft policy to the Advisory Council, and all the other Cabinet boards, when they have completed the policy sometime later in the summer or fall.

KLA REPORT

Sue Burch, KLA President, distributed a written report to the Council which discussed KLA's upcoming events and plans. Six members from KLA will be attending National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. along with Jim Nelson on May 11-13, 2003 to discuss national library issues and concerns with Kentucky's congressional delegation.

The Public Library Section and the Kentucky Library Trustee Association have planned a joint conference in Louisville on May 7-9.

The UK School of Library and Information Science, KLA, and KDLA have submitted a grant proposal to IMLS to improve and expand on recruitment and diversity efforts in the library science field. KLA will be establishing a new Round Table at their August meeting to help with this process.

Plans are still being made for the KLA Annual Conference in Louisville, October 8-11, 2003. This year's theme will be "Libraries in Defense of Freedom" and will focus on access to government information, freedom of information, right of privacy, digital copyright, intellectual freedom, challenged books, the digital divide, and fair use. First Lady Laura Bush has been invited to the conference, but she has not confirmed her attendance at this time.

PUBLIC AWARENESS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Kelly Reed talked about the upcoming Public Awareness Leadership Institute, which consists of four training sessions led by Cecelia Wooden and Ed Klee and will be designed to increase participant skills in public library awareness. These sessions will be held in Lake Cumberland, Kentucky Dam Village, Jenny Wiley State Park, and General Butler State Park over the next several months. Eighteen participants have signed up so far and include library directors, staff, trustees, and Friends. The goals of the Institute are to assist local communities in developing a local public awareness project for their library, and to cultivate leadership skills. Funding for the Public Awareness Leadership Institute is a project funded by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Kelly also mentioned the current issue of *KDLA@yourlibrary*, which focuses on "lifelong learning" and can be viewed on our website at: www.kdla.ky.gov/@yourlibrary/main.htm. "Lifelong learning" is one of the enduring values that was identified in statewide forums held across the state last year, along with democracy, neighborliness, technology, and pride as the other values that were elected.

LSTA PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Christie Robinson presented the proposed LSTA project recommendations to the Council for review and approval. Christie noted a couple of new projects being presented, which included a Children and Young Adult Prime Time Reading Project at \$30,000, and a Children and Young Adult Online Homework Help Subgrant at \$20,000. The total amount being requested for all projects is \$2,712,600. The 2004 federal budget begins October 1, 2003. KDLA tries to keep \$700,000 in carry forward funds in case there are problems with the federal budget at the beginning of the new federal fiscal year before new allotments are made.

The Council noted they liked seeing the emphasis placed on early childhood development and its importance to early literacy development. There were no objections to the proposed projects. The Council approved the LSTA Project Recommendations as presented.

RECRUITING, EDUCATING & RETAINING LIBRARIANS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY IMLS PROPOSAL

The Council received a copy of the proposal that was sent to IMLS applying for a grant to assist in the recruitment, education, and retention of librarians for the 21st century. This is a joint project with KDLA, the UK Library School of Information Science, and KLA to try to increase awareness and bring diversity into the library science profession. America's libraries are projected to lose 68 percent of their professional librarians over the next 16 years.

Jim Nelson stated that even if we do not receive the grant from Washington, this issue will still need to be addressed in some way.

Suggestions were made from Council members to aim recruitment efforts at job and career fairs, Rotary Clubs, and Black Expo.

FINAL STATE BUDGET FOR KDLA

Jim Nelson distributed a copy of House Bill 376, which is the legislative language that establishes a Library Science Scholarship Fund, but no funding is included with this bill.

Jim Nelson explained that with the current vacant positions we have at KDLA we were able to use most of our salary saving funds to meet our state budget cut request, without having to use state aid funds at this time.

DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Jim Nelson stated that the PEW Charitable Trust project at the Cabinet level that Deputy DeLuca discussed earlier may be a good starting place on working toward some types of grants or other funding projects through cultural awareness for our agency. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact Stu Tobin or Jim Nelson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kentucky SOLINET Users Group will be meeting with the Virtual Library Users Group on May 30, 2003 at Union College in Barbourville. This joint meeting will allow resource sharing ideas and discussions.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date has been set for Friday, July 11, 2003 at 11:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room. This meeting will be in connection with an afternoon event scheduled for Dr. Thomas Clark's 100th birthday celebration.

ADJOURNMENT